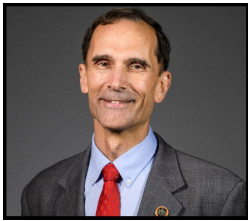
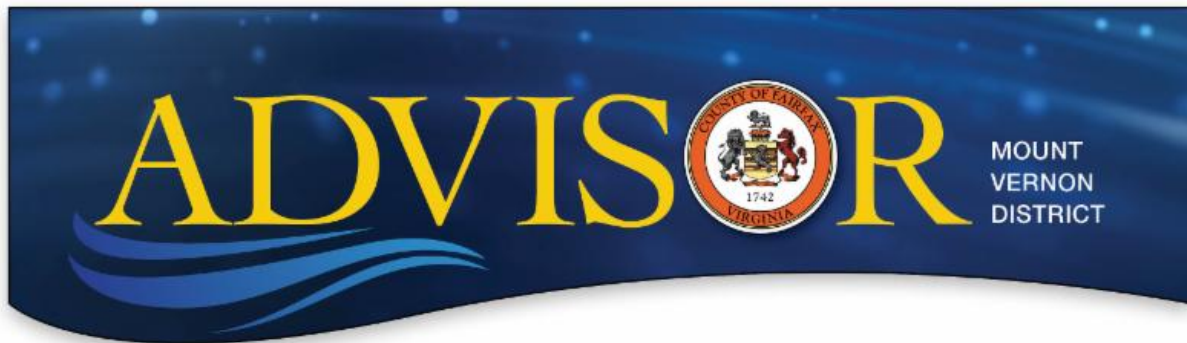


October 2018



Scary-faced pumpkins, brightly colored leaves and cool autumn breezes signal that fall is in the air! As we **celebrate Mother Earth** during this seasonal change, I hope you will take a moment to reflect on the importance of **nature in our communities and neighborhoods**. I recently had the privilege to participate in a **Climate Crisis Forum** ([read about the forum](#)) with Senator Tim Kaine and Prince William County Board Chairman Corey Stewart, to share my views on **the County's climate action and Operational Energy Strategy** and to influence the **County's Natural Landscaping Plan**. If you have not seen my recent articles on these topics, please check out the links below.

- [When a Good Plan Must be Better](#)
- [Saving People, Places and Property; The Time is Now](#)
- [County Advances Natural Landscaping Plan](#)

If you are interested in being more engaged in any of these topics, there are some great upcoming opportunities.

- Oct 11: [Forum on Sustainable Landscaping](#)
- Through Oct 19: [Join the Plastic Free Challenge](#)
- Nov 10: [Environment Expo: Saving the Earth One Person at a Time](#)

Another great way to enjoy our environment is to join us for the **3rd Annual Tour de Mount Vernon community bike ride**. This year's ride will start and end at Fort Hunt Park, travel along the Potomac River to Belle Haven Park, wind through Mount Vernon to the Pope-Leighey House, the Grist Mill, George Washington's Estate and Gum Springs, to name a few. The full route is 32 miles, with a shorter 17 mile route as a new option this year. The ride will conclude with food, beverages, music and prizes! Not a big rider? No problem, **we need LOTS of volunteers!** [Click here](#) for more information and to register to ride or to volunteer. If you do not have access to a bike and/or need a scholarship to cover registration costs, please contact Abdul Shaban in my office.

Please join me in **thanking Staff Aides Allison Miessler and Tae Choi for their dedication and service** to our Mount Vernon community and constituents over the last two years. Allison and Tae will be leaving us in the coming weeks to pursue new career paths.

I look forward to seeing you out and about **in the District** this fall! It continues to be my pleasure to serve as your Mount Vernon District Supervisor.

Respectfully yours in public service,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dan Storck".

Dan Storck
Supervisor, Mount Vernon District
Fairfax County Board of Supervisors





Mount Vernon District Staff: Tae Choi, Donna Slaymaker, Allison Miessler, Christine Morin, Supervisor Dan Storck, Camela Speer & Abdul Shaban.

September 2018 Activities:

- Phone calls: 1272
- Meetings: 75
- Hosted meetings: 40

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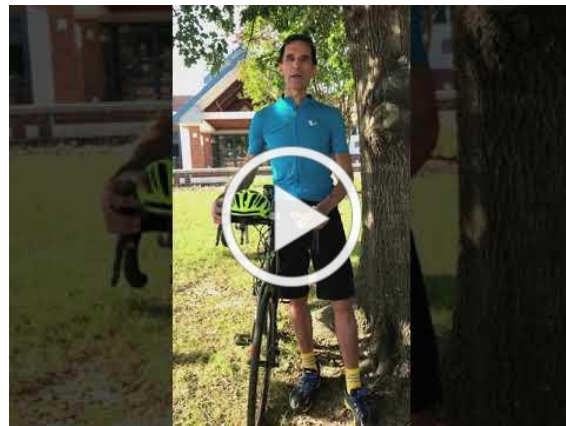
Office Hours

Monday - Wednesday, Friday:
8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Thursday: 8:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Second Saturday Each Month (except August)

Lorton Library: 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
MV District Office: 12:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Walk-ins and by appointment

3rd Annual Tour de Mount Vernon



**Saturday, October 27, 2018
8:30 a.m.**

Fort Hunt Park

Join the ride! [Read more and register today!](#)

In the News

Top 10 Public Works Leaders of the Year

Director of Public Work and Environmental Services (DPWES) **James Patteson** has been named one of "Top 10 Public Works Leaders of the Year." James leads more than **900 staff members in a large, complex department** with an annual operating budget over \$300 million and a capital improvement program in excess of \$3 billion. As Director, James' **contributions to the Richmond Highway Corridor** have been invaluable. [Read more...](#)



Ensuring Affordable Produce in Fairfax County

Due to a grant of \$50,000 over three years, **Fairfax County Farmers Markets** will ensure SNAP (previously called food stamps) recipients can **access fresh local produce**. At participating farmers markets, the value of SNAP dollars is doubled by the Virginia Fresh Match nutrition incentive program – for example, **if a person spends \$20 in SNAP benefits at a farmers market, they**

will receive \$20 more to spend on fruits and vegetables. [Read more...](#)

Mount Vernon Officer Saves Life with Narcan

A Fairfax County man was just minutes from dying when Lt. Tim Forrest saved the day. Watch ABC7's video coverage on about how he saved the man with Narcan, the tool the County gave him that made the difference between life and death. [Watch the video...](#)



Phase 2 of Lorton Prison Redevelopment Begins

The team redeveloping a **historic prison in Lorton** is preparing to break ground this month on the second phase of the project, the latest addition to southern Fairfax County's growing development pipeline. This year, **Lorton Liberty** opened **165 rental apartments in renovated prison dorms** on the minimum-security portion of the prison complex. It also added **83 new, for-sale townhouses** and **24 single-family homes.** [Read more...](#)

Upcoming Events

- [October Library Events](#)
- [October Mount Vernon Police Station Community Events](#)
- [Lorton Liberty Movie Nights](#)
- [Oct 6: Laurel Hill Park Clean Up - 9 a.m.](#)
- [Oct 6: Voter Registration & Voter Photo IDs - 10 a.m.](#)
- [Oct 9: Personal Safety Workshop for Women - 9:30 a.m.](#)
- [Oct 9: Public Meeting #1: Fairfax County Parkway/ Franconia-Springfield Parkway Long Term Planning Study - 7 p.m.](#)
- [Oct 9: South County Federation - 7:30 p.m.](#)
- [Oct 11: Public Meeting: Fairfax County Parkway/ Franconia-Springfield Parkway Long Term Planning Study - 7 p.m.](#)
- [Oct 11: zMOD Public Meetings to Present Proposed Industrial Use Regulations - 7 p.m.](#)
- [Oct 11: The Ins and Outs of Development and Construction: Nonprofits and Places of Worship - 7 p.m.](#)
- [Oct 13: Absentee Voting Begins at Mount Vernon Governmental Center](#)
- [Oct 13: Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Stations Open Houses - 10 a.m.](#)
- [Oct 13: Break the Silence Walkthon - 8 a.m.](#)
- [Oct 17: 2018 Congressional Candidate Forum - 8th District - 7 p.m.](#)
- [Oct 20: Financial Wellness Clinic - 9 a.m.](#)
- [Oct 20: First Time Home Buyer Class - 10 a.m.](#)
- [Oct 24: Is Bankruptcy Right for You? - 6:30 p.m.](#)
- [Oct 24: Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations Meeting - 8 p.m.](#)

- Oct 27: [Tour de Mount Vernon](#) – 8:30 a.m.
- Oct 27: [Community Shred Event](#) – 8:30 a.m.
- Oct 27: [Semi-Annual Drug Take Back Day](#) – 10 a.m.
- Oct 27: [STEM FEST](#) – 2 p.m.
- Oct 27: [Lorton Library Trunk or Treat](#) – 11 a.m.
- Oct 27: [Lt. Stecco Memorial Blood Drive](#) – 3 p.m.
- Oct 29: [VDOT Richmond Highway Widening Public Information Meeting](#) – 6:30 p.m.
- Oct 31: [Embark on Opportunities](#) – 7:30 a.m.
- Nov 3: [Secure Document Shredding Event Rescheduled in South County](#) – 8 a.m.
- Nov 10: [Environment Expo: Saving the Earth One Person at a Time](#) – 8 a.m.

Community Champion



Meet one of **Mount Vernon's Architectural Review Board (ARB) Members, Michele Aubry**. Michele told us that serving on the ARB is a **great way to give back to the local community** while using her professional training gained in a **career with the National Park Service (NPS)**. When asked why she chose to serve on the ARB, Michele responded, "To be honest, I had never heard of the ARB until an NPS colleague asked if I would be interested in filling the **vacant Archaeologist slot**. He explained what was involved and, at his suggestion, I **talked to the person who had just vacated the position** after many years of service. I liked what I heard, submitted my resume, and joined the ARB the month before my retirement from the NPS."

Michele explained that the **ARB hears proposals** from people who want to make certain changes to their property within an **Historic Overlay District**. She added that she particularly enjoys the moments when projects are designed in a manner that preserves the historic nature of the property and enhances the historic district. Michele said she finds volunteering for the ARB **personally rewarding**, but that it does require a monthly time commitment. For **those considering volunteering** for a County Board, Authority or Commission (BAC), Michele stated that while this is not for everyone, she encourages those who have a deep interest in a particular BAC's purpose and goals, and who have the knowledge, skills and abilities required, to **pursue open opportunities**.

Michele lives with her husband, Peter Christensen, in the Oxford neighborhood of the District on land formerly **part of George and Martha Washington's Union Farm**. In her retirement, she has become a **history detective**, enjoying identifying family ancestors, learning who they were, what their lives were like, and why they migrated where they did.

To **nominate a Mount Vernon Community Champion**, [visit](#) to complete a nomination form.

Fort Hunt Community Business Networking

Community and Business Leaders Meet at Networking Lunch



The **Fort Hunt Community Business Association** held its Fall Business/Community Networking Lunch at Primos on Friday, Sept 14. Attendees shared their **businesses and community building efforts**, including the new **Fort Hunt Parent Enrichment & Resource Guide** and the **Fort Hunt Community VIP Card**.

In attendance were Del. Paul Krizek, owners/team members from Just Dance, EMMA Vet, Curves of Alexandria, Ironistic Web Design, Capital City Tech Law, Pawsitively Possible! Dog Training, Britepaths, Encore Waxing, Piano Lab on Sherwood Hall Lane, Zebra Press, among others.

Businesses and organizations can get more information about the Fort Hunt Community Business Association by [visiting](#) or emailing [Frazier O'Leary](#).

Saving the Environment

Virtual Walking Tour of Stormwater Facilities

A [new interactive map](#) is available to **guide you along a walking tour** of stormwater management facilities located on the Fairfax County Government Center Campus. On the walking tour you will see **ponds, a native meadow, a restored stream, bioretention areas, swales, green roofs, and permeable pavers**. Learn how these facilities collect runoff to control flooding, encourage detention and infiltration, and improve water quality.

The next time you take a walk around the Government Center campus trails, [open the new GIS app](#) and **learn about the variety of stormwater management facilities** in use. You can take the **tour from your desktop**, too. There are lots of photos, and the facility descriptions are short and sweet. [Read more...](#)

Is Your House Ready for Winter?

The **LEAP weatherization program** is funded by Dominion Energy and eligibility is based upon age and income of residents. This program is **free to eligible Dominion Energy customers**. Single family homes, multi-family homes (apartments or condos) and mobile homes all qualify. **To help save on energy costs**, qualifying residents will receive a free energy assessment and free energy-savings measures that may include:



- ENERGY STAR qualified LED light bulbs
- Efficient, low-flow showerheads
- Efficient, low-flow faucet aerators
- Pipe wrap insulation for hot water pipes
- Attic insulation and air sealing

To see if your household qualifies for these environmentally friendly home improvements, please [visit](#) or call 434-227-4666.

Mount Vernon Town Meeting Wins Award

Fairfax County Channel 16 is pleased to announce it is the **recipient of 9 awards** from the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors (NATOA) for its government programming, including an **Honorable Mention for Programming Excellence**. Other awards included:

- **2018 Mount Vernon Town Meeting** – Second Place in the Live Community Event Coverage category
- **Check It Out** – Second Place in the Library category

- **Fairfax Fast Facts: Who Represents You** – Third Place in the Public Affairs category
- **Adult Detention Center: Community Labor Force** – Third Place in Public Education
- Honorable Mentions went to Channel 16's web site, Teens in Action, County Magazine, the Fairfax 275 promotional campaign, and Programming Excellence.

NATOA received over 800 entries from local governments across the country.

Mark your calendar and join us for the 2019 Town Meeting on Saturday, February 2, 2019.

Upcoming November 6 General Elections

What You Need to Know about Absentee Voting in Fairfax

- [What's on My Ballot?](#) (November information TBA)
- [Voter Photo ID Requirements](#)
- [Upcoming Voter Photo ID Opportunities](#)
- [Additional Information for College Students](#) (Video)
- **September 21:** In-Person Absentee Voting begins at the **Fairfax County Government Center Office of Elections**, Conference Rooms 2/3
- **October 13:** In-Person Absentee Voting begins at the **Mount Vernon Governmental Center** and the **Lorton Library**
- **October 15:** Voter Registration Deadline (In-Person/By Mail) 5:00 p.m.; Online: 11:59 p.m.
- **October 30:** Deadline to apply to receive an Absentee Ballot by mail, 5:00 p.m.
- **November 3:** Deadline for In-Person Absentee Voting, 5:00 p.m.
- **November 6:** Absentee Ballot return deadline, 7:00 p.m.

[Read more...](#)

La Voz del Condado de Fairfax

The County has launched an important and exciting new **communications initiative** to strengthen public outreach to our Spanish-speaking community. "**La Voz del Condado de Fairfax**" (The Voice of Fairfax County) is a **weekly radio program** on WUST 1120 AM, a 50,000 watt station. The show **airs live every Tuesday morning** from 7:30-8 a.m. during the important drive-time slot.



Recent shows have included information on **elections and how residents can register to vote** in the upcoming November general election, as well as a show about **emergency preparedness** and **fire safety** in light of the recent fires in the county caused by improperly discarded smoking materials. Each show leads with an **overview of updated county news and information**. A recording of each week's show also is also included on the [La Voz del Condado de Fairfax Soundcloud playlist](#).

Community Information

Embark on Opportunities

Join me and Supervisor McKay on Wednesday, October 31 from 7:30 a.m. - 10:30 p.m. to learn how the Embark Richmond Highway Comprehensive Plan Amendment

approved this year will shape the future of the Richmond Highway Corridor. Presented by the Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation. [Read more and register...](#)



Arcadia "Farm in a Box" Debutes at Dogue Farm

The Arcadia Center for Sustainable Food and Agriculture's **newly launched veteran farm incubator** is debuting its **all-in-one farm kit powered by renewable energy** at Dogue Farm. Purchased with a \$60,000 grant received from NBC earlier this year, Arcadia's new "Farm from a Box" provides the complete infrastructure for an off-grid farm, according to founding partner Scott Thompson, who traveled to Arcadia from the west coast to help set up the unit. [Read more...](#)

GrandInvolve - Changing the World One Child at a Time

We Need You! Join GrandInvolve - an Award Winning program which facilitates volunteer opportunities in Fairfax County's Title I Schools. GrandInvolve recruits **older adult volunteers** interested in providing mentoring, reading and math tutoring, or classroom assistance. If you are interested in **volunteering in the classroom with children** - under the guidance of a classroom teacher, visit the [website](#) for the list of participating schools. Opportunities also exist for people interested in **sharing their knowledge** and experience on a Leadership Team. To **learn how you can be involved**, please contact: info@grandinvolve.org or [visit](#).



County Animal Shelters to Remain Open on Sundays

After a 3 month pilot, the **County Animal Shelter** will continue to be **open on Sundays** from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Community support during the pilot found that Sunday is the now the **2nd most popular day** to visit the shelter. The shelter will remain closed to the general public on Mondays as it has been for years. [Adopt a shelter pet today!](#)



Are You a New Business in the District?

Let us know! The Mount Vernon Advisor would like to feature new businesses that open in our community. Please [email](#) Camela Speer and let us know **what your business is doing**, when you opened or will open, and where you are located.

Important Safety Messages

Join Fairfax County in the Semi-Annual Drug Take Back Day

Proper disposal of unused or expired medication can help **protect human health**, as well as our drinking water supply and aquatic life that are necessary for a healthy ecosystem. **You can help us!** **October 27th from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.** is the next semi-annual take-back day. Fairfax County participates in this national event to provide residents another way to remove unused medications from their homes. **All 8 Fairfax County district police stations** are participating as a collection site. Please see the [flyer](#) for more information, permanent dropboxes, and how to **properly dispose of medications** in the trash, when necessary.



CPR Classes at the Lorton Volunteer Fire Station

Family & Friends CPR **teaches the lifesaving skills** of adult Hands-Only CPR, adult CPR with breaths, child CPR with breaths, adult and child AED use, infant CPR, and mild and severe airway block for adults, children, and infants. For more information: [email](#) or [visit](#).

Dates:

- BLS for Healthcare providers **Oct 6, 2018** 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
- BLS for Healthcare providers **Oct 10, 2018** 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
- BLS for Healthcare providers **Oct 11, 2018** 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm
- BLS for Healthcare providers **Oct 17, 2018** 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
- Family & Friends CPR **Oct 20, 2018** 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
- Family & Friends CPR **Oct 25, 2018** 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Location: Lorton Volunteer Fire Department, 7701 Amistead Road, Lorton, VA 22079.



Beech Bark Disease

Beech bark disease (BBD) is not established in Fairfax County but **has been found nearby in Virginia** and Pennsylvania. BBD is a devastating disease that affects native **American Beech trees** (*Fagus grandifolia*) as well as **ornamental beech**. It is caused by a sap feeding scale insect and a fungal pathogen. The insect, a small, white, fuzzy scale known as **beech scale** feeds on beech sap.

Heavy infestations may make the tree appear to have been **rolled in powdered sugar**. In later stages of the disease, large patches of bark may be **covered in small red dots** which are the fruiting structures of the pathogenic fungus (see photo). [Read more...](#)

Boards, Authorities and Commissions

Help **serve your community** by serving on a Fairfax County Board, Authority or Commission. Please ask your friends, neighbors and community members if they are willing to help serve Fairfax County. Supervisor Storck has vacancies on:



Architectural Review Board - Historical Architect

The purpose of the Architectural Review Board shall be to administer the provisions of the Historic Overlay Districts, of the Zoning Ordinance and to advise and assist the Board of Supervisors in its efforts to preserve and protect historic, architectural, and archaeological resources in the County.

Health Systems Agency Board

To improve quality of the health services provided them, both private and public, while restraining increases in the cost of providing health services.

Volunteering on these committees **increases citizen participation** in our District. If you are interested in serving on a county board, authority, commission, or committee (BAC), please provide a current résumé to Donna.Slaymaker@fairfaxcounty.gov. For more information, please download the [brochure](#) for a brief guide to BACs, or learn more on the County [website](#).

Additional Opportunity to Serve

Police Civilian Review Panel

The mission of the Panel to **enhance police legitimacy** and to **build and maintain trust** between the citizens of Fairfax County, the Board of Supervisors, and the Fairfax County Police Department. You can read more about the Panel here: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/policecivilianreviewpanel/about-us>

To be considered for future appointment to the nine-member panel, please send a **resume or bio** with a **brief note explaining why you'd like to be appointed**

Environment Expo: Saving the Earth One Person at a Time



I will host my first **Environment Expo** where we will explore how everyone can help save our planet. The morning will feature an Exhibit Hall with a variety of County agencies, service providers and educators, informational and hands-on workshops and screenings of the film "Hometown Habitat".

Join us for the morning to **LEARN, ENGAGE and ACT** to save our environment! [Read more and register today!](#)

Saturday, November 10, 2018
8 a.m. - noon
Walt Whitman Middle School

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